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PROMINENT MEMBERS OF OPEN AIR COLONIES

VISITORS UNUSUALLY FEW THIS YEAR

Woodpeckers, Juncos, Cardinal Grosbeaks, Chickadees, and White-breasted Nuthatch Have Been Seen This Winter

The very interesting paper on the winter feeding of birds that appeared in a recent issue of The Press prompts the addition of a few notes on the occurrence of birds in Highland Park at this time. The question is frequently asked as to whether there really are birds here now, save English sparrows and an occasional crow or gull. An inquiry made within the past few days showed that there are thirty or more places in Highland Park where a supply of suet, seeds, etc., is regularly set out to attract hungry birds. It also appears that the number of bird visitors reported seems unusually small this winter. Yet the fact remains that every day downy and hairy woodpeckers, juncos and cardinal grosbeaks are visiting one or more of these feeding stations and now and then chickadees and an occasional white-breasted nuthatch are seen.

The two last named species are unusually scarce, it seems. The bluejays, too, usually more or less conspicuous here in winter, are far less numerous than they were last year. The crows are well represented. One colony that musters ten or twelve members, on occasion, assembles daily in the trees south of the Academy and its scouting parties gobble up the chunks of suet bird lovers in that vicinity set out for better bred visitors. The gentle screech owl is occasionally seen. Fred Botker, Jr., found one not long ago gawking out of the door of a bird house he had set up in the summer. A squirrel had entered the entrance hole for its convenience and the owl had found it very convenient also.

A pair of cardinals appears with great regularity at the feeding shelf maintained by Mrs. Everett Millard where sunflower seeds seem to attract them most. As cardinals are seen with some frequency in other parts of Highland Park but usually singly or only in pairs, unusual interest attaches to the report of Arthur Jerrens and Otho Morgan, Jr., who recently found four cardinals together in the vicinity of a feeding shelf set up by the latter. It is to be hoped that no misfortunes may befall our cardinals and that their families may live long and prosper.

Dr. Hamilton reports a small flock of golden-crowned kinglets seen in a sheltered place in one of the ravines. With the exception of the hummingbird the kinglet is the smallest bird to be found in this region. Yet given a food supply of insect eggs and dormant caterpillars, these birds are able to live here in the coldest weather. A prairie horned lark and some tree sparrows have been seen in the open. It is probable that if one will go out over the fields at nightfall and listen awhile, one may hear the tinkly evening call of the horned larks from the frozen stubble.

MATERNITY SOCIETY TO HOLD MEETING

Wednesday Afternoon, January 27th, at the Home of Mrs. George R. Jones, 308 Vine Ave.

An open meeting of the Chicago Maternity Society will be held at the home of Mrs. George R. Jones, 308 Vine Ave., on Wednesday, January twenty-seventh at three o'clock. Miss Jessie S. Horn, Principal of the Hahnemann Training school, will tell of "The work we have done and the work we hope to do."

This Society was formed by a few young women in Highland Park and Chicago to ameliorate conditions of such women who, on the very eve of childbirth, were either deserted by their husbands or through drink and worthlessness, had no visible means of support, and no possible way of being cared for properly through the period of child-birth. The object of this Society is to take care of the women free of charge, who are the helpless victims of these circumstances.

The work has grown very rapidly in its short life of three years. From its first membership of thirty women, it now boasts 75 members, some 30 of whom live in Highland Park. In the interest of the mothers of the race, and the welfare of the child, all are cordially invited to attend this meeting, and hear more about the good we have accomplished.

"LAME DUCK" SESSION HAS POOR ATTENDANCE

HALF OF ILLINOIS DELEGATION ABSENT

Law is Wholly Disregarded. Members of Congress are Paid Their Salaries Whether They are Present or not

By Chas. M. Thomson

If a Member of Congress is to perform the service which his constituents have a right to expect of him, he must naturally be in Washington attending to his duties during the sessions of Congress. The question of "absenteeism" is a serious one, and my observation of the past few weeks leads me to believe that it is particularly so during the short or "lame duck" session.

It will be interesting to note that the following facts with reference to the attendance of the twenty-six members of the House from Illinois for the present session which began December 7th. Thirteen members (just half the delegation) have been here all the time. Of this number eight were re-elected at the last election and five are "lame ducks." I confess that I am not one of those thirteen. Three members, two of whom are "lame ducks," have been here all the time except for the Christmas recess and four other members, all re-elected, were absent the first week of the session and also during the Christmas recess. All seven of these members left two or three days before the recess began and returned two or three days after Congress had reconvened at the close of the recess.

One member, defeated in November, has been here for all the session except the first week and a half. One member was here from the beginning of the session until December 23rd. He returned to Illinois on that day and has not been here since. He also was defeated in November.

Another "lame duck" has not been in Washington during this session at all. Another one appeared here for the first time on Wednesday of this week. Still another has been away all of the time up to Thursday of this week with the exception of December 22nd, when the vote was taken on the Hobson Resolution.

Finally, a member, who was re-elected in November, appeared in the House for the first time in this session, on December 21st, voted on the Prohibition Resolution on the following day, then left for home and has not returned up to the present time.

And yet some of these Illinois members, who have been absent so much of the time are on some of the most important committees of the house—committees that have been in almost daily session preparing annual supply bills appropriating hundreds of millions of dollars. On Thursday of this week votes were taken in the house on ten or a dozen of the most vital of the amendments added to the Immigration Bill by the Senate. Amendments are being offered to the pending appropriation bills in the house and are being voted upon almost every day, effecting the expenditure of hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Private matters come now and then which make an absence of a few days almost unavoidable. But absence of weeks in length are without excuse when members are collecting their salaries for work they are not doing and at the same time are making money at home in their private business to which they are giving their time and attention.

The Federal statutes provide that the Sergeant-at-Arms of the House, shall deduct from the monthly payments of each member, the amount of his salary for day that he has been absent from the house, unless the absence is caused by the sickness of the member or of some member of his family.

That law is wholly disregarded. Toward the end of the last session when members were anxious to get home and many did leave to get into their campaigns or to enjoy a rest at the sea shore, it was hard to maintain a quorum in the house. To force the attendance of members, Mr. Underwood introduced a Resolution and called it up for a vote on August 25th.

It read in part "that the Sergeant-at-Arms is directed to enforce the law requiring him to deduct from the salary of the members, their daily compensation when they are absent for another cause than sickness of themselves or their families." That was known as House Resolution 601. The house passed it, and the official in question complied with it.

By the middle of October the house acted on all the important bills of the Administration program and the maintenance of a quorum was not of great importance, except when the time came to pass the Resolution of final adjournment. On the 15th of that month Mr. (Continued on page 5)

AS HE LOOKS TO SOME PEOPLE



ANNUAL Y. W. C. A. ELECTION

Report for the Past Year Very Favorable. Association Doing a Splendid Work

The annual Y. W. C. A. Board meeting was held Tuesday morning, January 12th in the Association rooms. The following officers were elected for the year 1915:

President, Mrs. W. A. Alexander; first vice president, Mrs. Rex L. Jones; second vice president, Mrs. H. J. Thayer; secretary, Miss Adele Everett; treasurer, Mrs. Fred Clow.

All have served in the same capacity during the year 1914 except Mrs. Thayer. The Association is developing along all lines and is doing splendid work among the young women of the city. A complete report of the financial condition is found in the following:

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| Report from Y. W. C. A., Highland Park for 1914: | |
| Amt. on hand Jan. 1, 1914 | \$350.32 |
| Recd. from Junior membership | 19.50 |
| Recd. from regular membership | 55.00 |
| Recd. from rent of rooms | 381.00 |
| Recd. from class fees | 126.85 |
| Recd. from contributions | 1136.00 |
| Recd. from other sources | 396.47 |
| Grand total | \$2465.64 |
| DISBURSEMENTS | |
| Rent | \$775.00 |
| Salaries and household expenses | 1012.63 |
| Miscellaneous | 354.69 |
| Total | \$2142.32 |
| Receipts for year ending Dec. 31, 1914 | 2465.64 |
| Expenditures for year ending Dec. 31, 1914 | 2142.32 |
| Total | \$323.32 |
| Deposited in Savings Bank | 250.00 |
| Amt. on hand Jan. 1, 1915 | \$ 73.32 |
| Total enrollment, 175 members. | |

FRANK L. DEMING DIES IN HOSPITAL

Had Been Ill for Several Weeks but Still Death Seemed Sudden

Mr. Frank L. Deming, of 336 Linden Park Place died Tuesday in St. Joseph's Hospital, Chicago, after an illness of two weeks duration. He was a very prominent citizen of this city and was the president of the firm Deming and Gould, salmon brokers, and owner of large interests in canneries and fisheries in the United States and Alaska. He was born in St. Louis in 1858 making him about fifty-six years of age and had been in business in Chicago since 1880. He was a member of the Chicago Association of Commerce, a Knight Templar and a member of the Chicago Athletic Club and the Exmoor Country Club. No arrangements have been made, as we go to press, for burial as Mr. Everett Deming is in the west and will be unable to return home until tomorrow or Saturday. Mr. Deming leaves to survive him a widow and three children, two daughters, the Misses Helen and Margaret Deming and one son, Mr. Everett Deming, all of this city.

NEARBY NEWS ITEMS OF LOCAL INTEREST

LARGE REAL ESTATE TRANSACTION

Waukegan to Have new Moving Picture House. Mrs. Richardson Receives \$2,500. Men Arrested for Smoking on Streets

Arrested for Smoking on Street
Charged with having smoked on the streets of Zion City last week in open violation of the recently passed city ordinance which makes this a misdemeanor Ralph Paulsen and H. Hurlbur, two Zion City young men were arraigned in Justice Mason's court. After hearing the evidence in the case Justice Mason imposed a fine of \$10 and costs in each case. This is said to be the minimum fine that can be imposed in a violation of this kind.

Character in Every Vocation
The need of character in every vocation and a plea that the lives of all of us may be so pure and spotless that we could stand a searching investigation into our lives at any time, were things emphasized in a talk on "Character and Vocation" delivered by Secretary E. R. Gobrecht of the Y. M. C. A. Thursday afternoon before the pupils of the vocational arts department of the city schools. The talk was delivered in the assembly room of the Washington school and was one of the best of the kind ever heard here. Mr. Gobrecht said in part:

"We shall attempt today to show the important relationship between a man's character and his vocation."
National Golf Championship
The national amateur golf championship for 1915 will be contested on the Country Club of Detroit; the women's national championship at the Onwentsia Club. These awards national golfing events were made at the annual meeting of the United States Golf Association held in New York.—Lake Forest.

New Moving Picture House at Waukegan
The announcement in the Waukegan Daily Sun Friday evening to the effect that George K. Spoor had purchased for \$12,000, the old academy site, corner Genesee and Clayton streets, created quite a sensation in realty and moving picture circles because Mr. Spoor, as head of the Essanay moving picture company of Chicago, is an old Waukegan boy and, by his investment in Waukegan it marks his entrance into the city for investment purposes for the first time since he left it to make a fortune in moving picture manufacturing. Mr. Spoor will erect on the site in question, a modern moving picture house, to cost upwards of \$35,000 and his brother, Walter G. Spoor will be manager of the new house.

Volo Case Finally Settled
After an 11-hour battle, starting at 5:30 o'clock Friday evening and continuing uninterruptedly until 4:30 o'clock Saturday morning, the jury in the Richardson case reached a decision and were allowed to go to bed to get a few hours' needed sleep. Their sealed verdict, which was opened and read in court Monday morning by Circuit Judge Claire Edwards, returned a \$2,500 verdict against five of the six Volo railriders.

Large Real Estate Transaction
One of the most attractive country estates in Lake Forest figured in a real estate transaction just closed, whereby Lawrence Armour, a director of Armour & Co., purchased from Orville Babcock of Babcock, Rushton & Co., brokers, the latter's residence on Green Bay Road, opposite the Onwentsia club. The consideration is withheld, but the property is said to be valued at around \$75,000 or \$80,000. The residence which was erected about three years ago, contains fifteen rooms and is of brick construction. It is of modern English type of architecture. The estate contains seven acres of ground; John Griffith was the broker in the deal.—Waukegan Sun.

PETITION TO ENFORCE LAWS

Will Vote Only for Candidates who will Pledge Themselves

The following petition is being circulated in Highland Park and a large number of voters have pledged themselves to support its provisions:
"We, the undersigned citizens of Highland Park, believing that the following principles will lead to a cleaner form of government, therefore pledge ourselves to support only such candidates as promise to carry out these principles in the government of our city:
1. The enforcement of all laws, according to principle rather than policy.
2. The strict enforcement of our liquor laws.
3. The removal of all screens and curtains before pool rooms.
4. The suppression of all gambling, including Kelly pool, slot machines, punch boards and raffles.
5. The administration of the city's affairs in the most impartial and efficient manner possible."

LOCAL REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS

Property Exchanges Recorded During Past Two Weeks

E. S. Bastin and wife to Abbie B. Bastin, et al, lot 9, blk 70, Highland Park. Q. C. \$1.00.
James Brett and wife to Charlotte L. McDonald, lots 15, 16, 17, 57 and 58, blk 6, Deerfield Park. W. D. \$1800.00.
A. L. Gall to Frank Pavlik and wife, part lot 11, Highwood. W. D. \$100.00.
Margaret L. Genty to Fritz Anderson, W 46.62 ft. lot 3, blk 6, Exmoor Add, Highland Park. W. D. \$107.00.
Margaret L. Genty to Marjorie Anderson, part lots 2 and 3, blk 6, Exmoor Add, Highland Park. W. D. \$10.00.

IMPORTANT ARRESTS MADE HERE ON FRIDAY

THREE MEN HELD ON VAGRANCY CHARGE

All Three Fined and Sent to Waukegan. One Young "Chap" is Son of Wealthy Chicagoan. Stolen Case Returned

On Friday morning about four o'clock the house owned by W. B. White and which was occupied during the summer by D. M. Hanson, and which has been closed for the winter, was broken into by two men. Mr. J. B. Card saw the men coming out of the house and knowing the house was unoccupied he notified the police department. Officers Grant and Meyers immediately answered the call, went to the house and found the tracks in the snow. They were able to follow the foot tracks south to Lake Ave. and then to Hazel. At Hazel and Forest Ave. they heard sounds like someone ripping windows off a house. They saw the two men and chased them to St. John's Ave. and Sheridan road and fired several shots at them but they gained rapidly and got away. Officer Wing was called upon to assist in the capture. He got an automobile and started the search. When he reached the county line he saw two men standing behind the electric station and near them a valuable cane, worth about \$20. After questioning the men they claimed no knowledge of the cane and denied the charge of robbery. A charge of vagrancy was made to hold them and they were given a hearing at which they were sent to Waukegan to be held for vagrancy and fined, one \$75 and costs and the other \$100 and costs. Wednesday morning Officer Wing found the owner of the cane which was Mrs. H. A. Harrington.

Millionaire Hobo Arrested

Another incident occurred on Friday night when Phillip Van Enger was arrested by the local police on charge of vagrancy. He was a well dressed young chap of about nineteen years. He had in his possession a memorandum book in which he had names of several prominent people of this suburb. He also had a list of articles he had obtained from several people and some cards inscribed, "The Millionaire Hobo." At the time of his arrest he was trying to beg a ticket to Evansville from Mr. Albert Larson. He was given a hearing and was fined \$100. His father, a wealthy man, residing on Sheridan road, Chicago, came to pay the damages but on suggestion of Police Wing he decided to leave him in jail for some little time.

WOMAN'S CLUB HOLDS OPEN MEETING

Very Fine Musical Program to be Rendered. Meeting to be Held Tuesday Evening

The next meeting of the Highland Park Woman's Club will take place in the Trinity Parish house Tuesday evening, January twenty-sixth at eight o'clock. It is to be an open meeting and members are privileged to bring guests. The program, which is to be musical, is as follows: Sonata, opus 13, by Rubinstein, Mrs. Annette R. Jones and Mr. George R. Jones; Prelude, Love, I Have Won You, by Ronald, Miss Marie O'Connor and Mrs. George R. Jones at the piano; Under the Trees, by Massenet and Valse Minuet, by W. MacDonald, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Williams and Mr. Jones; Guinevere, (Idylls of the King), by Tennyson, with a musical setting by McDowell, Miss Jape White and Miss Dora Hershonow at the piano; Magic Fire Music from die Walkuere, by Wagner-Brassin, Miss Hershonow; I Hear a Thrush at Eve, by Cadman, and Little Grey Home in the West, by Lohr, Miss O'Connor, Mrs. Jones at the piano; Walzer Maerchen, by Schuetz, Mrs. Jones, Mr. Williams and Mr. Jones.

FIREMEN'S BALL

To be Given at Ravinia Park Casino Thursday Evening, Jan. 28th

The annual ball of the Highland Park Volunteer Fire Department, given for the purpose of raising funds to purchase much needed equipment, will be held at the Ravinia Park Casino on Thursday evening, January 28th. The department has rendered some good service during the past year and will be able to do more when a few needed articles are added to their equipment. If you are asked to buy tickets for the ball, do not refuse. It means better service for the fire department and may be the means of saving your home.

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